



February 4, 2025

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The Honorable Scott Peters  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta  
U.S. House of Representatives  
200 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Representatives Joyce, Peters, Fitzpatrick, and Panetta:

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) applauds your leadership in ensuring continued access to life-saving cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services through the introduction of the ***Sustainable Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Services in the Home Act*** (H.R. 783). Your bipartisan efforts to permanently extend Medicare coverage for in-home cardiopulmonary rehabilitation services will improve patient outcomes, reduce hospital readmissions, and provide critical support to seniors recovering from serious cardiovascular events.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, claiming the lives of more than 600,000 Americans each year. Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation has been shown to significantly reduce the risk of rehospitalization and mortality, yet many Medicare beneficiaries face barriers in accessing these essential services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary policy changes allowed for Medicare reimbursement of in-home virtual rehabilitation services, ensuring that patients—especially those in rural and underserved areas—could receive the care they needed. However, this policy expired in 2023, abruptly cutting off access to rehabilitation for many vulnerable patients.

The ***Sustainable Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Services in the Home Act*** is a commonsense solution that builds on the innovative care models developed during the pandemic. By permanently expanding Medicare coverage for supervised in-home rehabilitation, this legislation will provide Medicare beneficiaries with greater flexibility in their recovery, particularly for those who may face mobility challenges or live far from medical facilities. Additionally, by lowering hospital readmission rates and improving long-term outcomes, this bill will help reduce overall healthcare costs and alleviate strain on an already overburdened healthcare system.

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*Letter of Support for the Sustainable Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Services in the Home Act  
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On behalf of the ACC and the cardiovascular community, we urge swift passage of this important bipartisan legislation. Expanding access to home-based cardiopulmonary rehabilitation is a critical step toward modernizing Medicare policy and ensuring that all patients, regardless of location or mobility, can receive the high-quality care they need to recover and thrive.

For any questions or to discuss further, please contact Adrienne Mortimer, Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, at [AMortimer@acc.org](mailto:AMortimer@acc.org).

Sincerely,



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ACC President

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